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**Direct Panel Testimony of** 

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#### INTRODUCTION

- 2 Q. Mr. Brookover, please state your name, business address and title.
- A. My name is T.J. Brookover. My business address is The John Buck Company,
- One N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2400, Chicago IL, 60606. My title is Senior Vice
- 5 President & Director of Property Management.
- 6 Q. Mr. Childress, please state your name, business address and title.
- A. My name is Kristav M. Childress. My business address is GEV Corp., 360 N.
- 8 Michigan Avenue, Suite 1005, Chicago, IL 60601. My title is Technical Director.
- 9 Q. Mr. Brookover and Mr. Childress, on whose behalf are you testifying?
- We are testifying on behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association of 10 A. Chicago ("BOMA/Chicago" or "BOMA"). BOMA/Chicago is the voice of the 11 12 office building industry in the city of Chicago, representing 270 buildings within the city limits. BOMA/Chicago members represent 94% of the total commercial 13 14 office space in Chicago. Now in its 103rd year and the oldest Building Owners and Managers Association in the world, BOMA/Chicago represents the interests 15 of the people and companies that own and manage Chicago's commercial 16 17 buildings and their tenants. These valuable assets are the core of one of the world's greatest business districts. By advocating the interests of the owners and 18 19 managers of these valuable assets, BOMA/Chicago also supports the businesses and employees that are housed in them. BOMA/Chicago's mission is to promote 20 the welfare and advance the interests of the office building industry through 21 22 leadership, advocacy, education, research, information and professional development. 23

- Q. Does BOMA/Chicago have a significant interest in this proceeding?
- 25 A. Yes. BOMA/Chicago member buildings have an estimated aggregate peak 26 electricity demand of over 500 megawatts ("MWs") within the service territory of Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"). Electricity expense is typically the 27 second largest line item expense (after real estate taxes) for our buildings. 28 BOMA/Chicago intervened and is actively participating in the pending separate 29 Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC" or "the Commission") proceeding in 30 which ComEd is seeking authority from the Commission to utilize a competitive 31 auction procurement process to acquire its electricity supply requirements post-32 2006 (hereafter "ICC Docket 05-0159"). BOMA's involvement in this delivery 33 34 service rate case is the logical next step as ComEd proposes to both update its revenue requirement and re-examine its rates in this proceeding. (ComEd Ex. 9.0 35 Corr., pg. 6, ll.121-125). 36
- Q. Mr. Brookover, please describe your professional background.
- A. I am Senior Vice President & Director of Property Management for The John 38 Buck Company ("JBC"). JBC is one of the largest management and leasing 39 40 companies in the Midwest. JBC manages over 10 million square feet of office space in the Chicago metropolitan area and many commercial buildings in several 42 other cities. JBC delivers a complete range of integrated real estate services that meet the increasingly complex business and financial needs of its clients. I am 43 responsible for overseeing the operation of 17 buildings in the Chicago area, as 44 well as buildings in New York City, Washington D.C., and Minneapolis. I have 45 held this position since September 2004. Prior to this engagement, I was Vice 46

President for Shorenstein Realty Services, Inc. ("Shorenstein") with responsibility for the Central Region, which includes Chicago, Kansas City, New Orleans, and Phoenix. I am currently the Chairman of BOMA/Chicago's Energy Committee and a member of the board of directors of BOMA/Chicago. In addition, I presented direct and rebuttal panel testimony with Mr. Childress in ICC Docket 05-0159.

Q. Mr. Childress, please describe your professional background.

I am the Technical Director of GEV Corp. ("GEV"). GEV specializes in securing electricity supply contracts for consumers that save money while minimizing the economic risks posed by newly competitive markets. I am responsible for refining and applying GEV's proprietary computer model, which is used to analyze electricity supply proposals in the ComEd service territory. The computer model provides economic evaluation for an electricity consumer of competing electricity supply proposals under projected electricity load profiles for that particular consumer. I have analyzed electricity savings opportunities using this computer model for more than a thousand accounts in the ComEd service territory including a large number of buildings which are members of BOMA/Chicago. GEV has produced positive results for many clients, ranging from large electricity consumers like the Sears Tower to mid-size buildings and other smaller electricity users.

Prior to joining GEV, I spent nearly a decade utilizing computer models to analyze financial issues in highly regulated segments of the food industry. During my career, I have worked extensively to apply and refine computer models to

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- real-world business situations, including quantification of the costs to businesses
  of regulations and proposed changes in regulations.
- Q. Mr. Brookover, what has been your experience with procurement of electricity supply for buildings in ComEd's service territory?
- A. I have negotiated electricity supply contracts for 15 buildings which I currently
  oversee for The John Buck Company. Prior to that, I made electricity supply
  decisions for Shorenstein's Chicago buildings, which include The John Hancock
  Center and Prudential Plaza. I also was actively involved on behalf of Shorenstein
  in the Post-2006 Initiative of the ICC.
- Q. Mr. Childress, do you have experience with respect to ComEd's tariffs, including
  ComEd's current bundled rates for electricity supply and delivery and ComEd's
  current delivery service tariffs?
- A. Yes. As I mentioned above, I am responsible for the refinement and application of 82 83 the proprietary computer model which GEV uses to analyze and compare competitive electricity supply proposals in ComEd's service territory. The model 84 incorporates ComEd's tariffs for ComEd's bundled rates for electricity supply and 85 86 delivery ("bundled rates"), as well as ComEd's delivery service rates ("delivery services tariffs" or "Rate RCDS"). The model is specifically designed to compare estimated charges under competitive supply proposals, including ComEd's 88 applicable distribution and transmission charges, with estimated charges under 89 ComEd's bundled rates. I have performed analyses for many customers in the 90 ComEd service area to determine their economic justification – if any – for 91 switching from ComEd's bundled rates to either competitive electricity supply or 92

ComEd's Rider PPO-Power Purchase Option (Market Index) ("PPO-MI") tariff.

As a result of this experience, I am extremely familiar with ComEd's tariffs and their impacts on consumers.

Moreover, I was extensively involved on behalf of Trizec Properties, Inc. ("Trizec") in the analysis and negotiation of ComEd's current delivery services and PPO-MI tariffs which were agreed on as part of a comprehensive settlement among Trizec, ComEd and many other parties approved by the Commission in 2003. (ICC Final Orders, Docket Nos. 02-0656/ 02-0671/ 02-0672/ 02-0834 (Consol.), Docket No. 01-0423, and Docket No. 02-0479, dated March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003). I also was an active participant on behalf of Trizec and Shorenstein in the Commission's Post-2006 Initiative. Finally, as Mr. Brookover stated earlier, I also presented direct and rebuttal panel testimony with him in ICC Docket 05-0159.

## **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

- 106 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?
- 107 A. The purpose of our testimony is to detail certain negative impacts that BOMA
  108 member buildings and other consumers in ComEd's service territory will likely
  109 experience if ComEd's proposed changes to its tariffed rates are approved for
  110 service beginning in January 2007. We are proposing various changes to
  111 ComEd's proposed rates and other tariffs which are designed eliminate these
  112 negative impacts. Specifically, we are proposing that the Commission should:
  - Modify ComEd's proposed delivery services tariffs so that nonresidential space heating customers continue to receive rate treatment in relation to other

| 115                      |     | customers which is similar to the treatment nonresidential space heating  |
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| 116                      |     | customers have received in the past;  |
| 117                      |     | Modify ComEd's proposed delivery services tariffs to eliminate rate shock for   |
| 118                      |     | nonresidential customers with peak monthly demands greater than 10 MW   |
| 119                      |     | ("over 10 MW customers"); and   |
| 120                      |     | Modify the language in proposed Rider Resale - Conditions of Resale or  |
| 121                      |     | Redistribution of Electric Power and Energy by a Retail Customer to Third   |
| 122                      |     | Persons ("Rider Resale") to permit resellers of electricity to fully recover their  |
| 123                      |     | costs and charge appropriately for the electricity they resell.   |
| 124                      | OVE | RVIEW OF COMED'S PROPOSED DELIVERY SERVICES RATE RDS  |
| 125                      | Q.  | Please provide an overview of ComEd's delivery services proposals you are   |
| 126                      |     | addressing in this testimony.   |
| 127                      | A.  | ComEd is proposing to unbundle its retail rates in 2007 so that all customers will  |
| 128                      |     | pay separate charges for electricity supply and delivery. (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr.,   |
| 129                      |     | pg. 11, ll. 250-251).   |
| 130                      |     | Under ComEd's current Rate RCDS, which applies only to customers electing   |
| 131                      |     | competitive electric supply, and ComEd's proposed Rate RDS, which would   |
| 132                      |     | apply to all customers in ComEd's service territory, the following delivery service   |
| 133                      |     | charges are be applicable to nonresidential customers:  |
| 134<br>135<br>136<br>137 |     | <ul> <li>a. A monthly Customer Charge;</li> <li>b. A monthly Standard Metering Service Charge; and</li> <li>c. A Distribution Facilities Charge ("DFC") applicable to a customer's Maximum Kilowatts ("kW") Delivered.</li> </ul> |
| 138<br>139               |     | (Ill. C. C. No. 4, 5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 118; Proposed Ill. C. C. No. 4, Original Sheet No. 368).   |

- Q. What delivery service customer classes is ComEd proposing that would affect BOMA member buildings post-2006?
- 142 A. Under ComEd's proposed Rate RDS, there will be 11 customer service classes for
  143 delivery services beginning January 2, 2007, (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr., pg. 34, 11.
  144 749-751), rather than the 20 service classes in ComEd's current Rate RCDS
  145 (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr., pg. 33, ln. 723). Of these 11 proposed classes, the
  146 following three would include virtually all BOMA member buildings:

| <b>Proposed Delivery Service Classes</b> | Maximum Peak Demand Range |
|--|---------------------------|
| Medium Load                              | 100-400 kW                |
| Large Load                               | 400-1,000 kW              |
| Very Large Load                          | >1,000 kW                 |

- Q. Is ComEd proposing any additional changes to its rates and riders that will have negative impacts on BOMA members and other non-residential consumers?
- 149 A. Yes. As part of its proposed unbundling of electricity costs, ComEd is proposing
  150 to eliminate its currently available bundled rates and related riders. (ComEd Ex.
  151 9.0 Corr., pg. 18, ll. 395-399). BOMA member buildings will be particularly
  152 affected by ComEd's proposed elimination of Rider 25 Electric Space Heating.
  153 (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr., pp. 21-22, ll. 479-483).

## RATE SHOCK

- 155 Q. Please define the term "rate shock" as you are using it in your testimony.
- 156 A. Rate shock occurs when a customer purchasing a commodity such as electricity
  157 under established rates experiences a "shock" (paying much higher amounts for
  158 comparable service) when those rates are redesigned. While few customers
  159 imagine that prices for commodities can remain unchanged forever, they do not

- expect an abrupt and extreme change in prices that causes them significant financial distress.
- Q. Please summarize the changes that ComEd is proposing to its retail tariffs that you believe could lead to rate shock for BOMA member buildings.
- A. BOMA believes that the following changes that ComEd is proposing in its tariffs will result in significant rate shock for BOMA member buildings and other buildings in ComEd's service territory:
  - Elimination of ComEd's Nonresidential Space Heating Tariff Rider 25 Electric Space Heating ("Rider 25" or "nonresidential space heating").
     ComEd has explicitly stated its intention to eliminate Rider 25. (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr., pp. 21-22, ll. 479-483). BOMA member buildings and other nonresidential space heated buildings will face huge increases in their charges for electricity if Rider 25 is eliminated unless action is taken to mitigate the impact of ComEd's electric space heating customers through ComEd's delivery services tariffs.
  - 2. Elimination of ComEd's Currently Applicable Delivery Services Class for Over 10 MW Customers. ComEd proposes to eliminate its current delivery services class for over 10 MW customers and include these customers in the proposed delivery services class for Very Large Load nonresidential customers with peak monthly demands over 1 MW. (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr., pg. 38, ll. 804-807). BOMA member buildings and other buildings that are 10 MW and greater customers will face huge increases in their charges for

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| 183 |        | change       | es to its | s tariffs.  |        |       |        |          |        |            |
| 182 |        | delive       | ry of     | electricity | if the | Commi | ission | approves | ComEd' | s proposed |

# RATE SHOCK FOR NONRESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC SPACE HEATING CUSTOMERS

Q. Please describe the significance of ComEd's nonresidential space heating tariff.

A. Since the mid-70's, ComEd's nonresidential space heating tariffs (i.e., Rider 25 and heating with light) have been available to nonresidential customers that heat their facilities solely with electricity.

ComEd's Rider 25 has two very significant provisions:

- During non-summer billing months, ComEd does not charge for electricity demand (\$/kW) recorded by meters designated as "space heat" meters; and
- During non-summer billing months, all electricity usage recorded by "space heat" meters is charged at a specific space heat rate (currently 4.557 cents/kWh).

Not surprisingly, nonresidential electrically space heated buildings generally purchase more electricity during non-summer months than otherwise comparable buildings that use natural gas or another fuel source for heating. Nonresidential space heating tariffs were adopted to encourage electricity usage for space heating and thereby "balance" non-summer usage with the heavy summer usage on ComEd's system due to air conditioning.

- Q. Can you estimate the cost impact to electric space heat buildings if ComEd eliminates nonresidential space heating tariffs under its proposed unbundling of rates?
- A. To demonstrate the impact of the loss of Rider 25 on nonresidential space heating 207 customers, we compared the annual electricity cost under ComEd's otherwise 208 applicable bundled rates with charges under Rider 25 for a randomly selected 209 group of nonresidential space heating customers. The estimate showed that these 210 customers spend 16.9% less per kWh of electricity annually on Rider 25 than they 211 212 would if they "lost" Rider 25 and were served under ComEd's otherwise applicable bundled rates. The results of this analysis are attached to our testimony 213 214 as BOMA Exhibit 1.1. The assumptions and data used in the analysis are attached 215 as BOMA Exhibit 1.2. These lower electricity charges were a strong motivation for BOMA member buildings and other buildings to install electric space heating 216 217 equipment when the buildings were constructed (as was ComEd's installation of internal electricity distribution risers, at no charge, to many "all-electric" 218 buildings). 219
  - Q. Will nonresidential space heating customers continue to have a ComEd rate option that would provide these customers lower charges than ComEd's standard rates if ComEd's proposal is approved in this case?
- A. Nonresidential electric space heating customers would have no other option than being served under ComEd's standard rates, which would effectively eliminate the substantial rate discount they currently receive. This means that they would

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- receive much larger overall rate increases than nonresidential non-space heating customers if ComEd's proposals are approved.
- Q. Can't nonresidential space heating buildings simply heat with another energy source if electricity becomes prohibitively expensive?
- A. No. Installations of new heating systems are very expensive (and sometimes virtually impossible) in buildings built to be heated electrically. Therefore, those buildings that installed electric heating equipment will be hurt if there are significant increases in their electricity charges for space heating usage.
- Q. If the proposed unbundling of ComEd's current electricity rates goes forward in 2007 and the nonresidential space heating tariff is eliminated, is there any way to provide relief for nonresidential space heating customers?
  - A. Yes. We believe the best way would be to exempt demand recorded by electric space heat meters from Distribution Facilities Charges in ComEd's delivery services tariffs. This exemption should also apply to buildings that are currently eligible to be served under ComEd's heating with light service which ComEd also is proposing to eliminate. Exemption of charges for electric space heat demand would significantly mitigate these customers' rate shock from the loss of the nonresidential space heating tariffs. Our approach merely continues what nonresidential space heating customers have seen on their bills for years no charges for electric space heating demand.
- Q. How much would BOMA's proposed exemption from Distribution Facilities

  Charges for electric space heat demand affect overall charges for electrically space heated customers?

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| 249 | A. | Distribution Facilities Charges will constitute approximately 20-30% of ComEd's |
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| 250 |    | charges for electricity supply and delivery to a typical nonresidential space   |
| 251 |    | heating customer post-2006 if an auction supply procurement process is approved |
| 252 |    | in Docket 05-0159. We estimate that BOMA's proposal would reduce annual         |
| 253 |    | Distribution Facilities Charges for electrically space heated customers by      |
| 254 |    | approximately one-half and would make the overall increase for nonresidential   |
| 255 |    | space heating customers similar to the increase for nonresidential non-space    |
| 256 |    | heating customers.  |

- Q. Has ComEd provided any cost basis for its proposed elimination of separate treatment for nonresidential space heating customers?
  - No. In ComEd's Response to BOMA's Data Request No. 1.04, attached to this testimony as BOMA Exhibit 1.3, ComEd states that they lack critical data on electrically space heated customers for the 2004 test year, including: meter level billing units; coincident peak monthly demand; and kWh consumption broken out into space heat and non-space heat consumption. ComEd states that the data would require "performance of a study that the Company [ComEd] has not conducted." (BOMA Ex. 1.3, pg. 3).

Given the lack of data kept by ComEd concerning nonresidential electric space heating customers, it appears that ComEd cannot currently provide a study which shows the delivery services costs for this particular customer group. Without such a study, ComEd's proposal to eliminate special treatment for these customers should not be approved by the Commission.

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## **OVER 10 MW CUSTOMERS**

- Q. Earlier, you mentioned over 10 MW customers. How many of these customers are there?
- A. There are approximately 70 over 10 MW customers in ComEd's service territory.

  These customers include "flagship" properties that receive attention worldwide,

  including the Sears Tower, the Merchandise Mart, One IBM Plaza, Three First

  National Plaza and 55 East Monroe.
- Q. How does ComEd propose to treat these customers in its proposed delivery services case?
- A. ComEd proposes to eliminate the current delivery service class for over 10 MW customers and include those customers in the Very Large Load customer class (i.e., customers with peak monthly demands greater than 1 MW). (ComEd Ex. 9.0 Corr., pg. 38, ll. 804-807).
- Q. What is the significance to over 10 MW customers of ComEd's proposed consolidation of its delivery service rate classes?
- A. The table below shows the percentage increase in Distribution Facilities Charges for all over 1 MW customers under ComEd's proposed delivery service tariffs:

|                     | Currently          | ComEd's            |                           |
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|                     | Applicable         | Proposed           | Resulting                 |
| Current ComEd Rate  | ComEd              | Post-2006          | Percentage                |
| RCDS Delivery Class | Distribution       | Distribution       | Increase in               |
| (peak monthly MW of | Facilities Charges | Facilities Charges | Distribution              |
| demand)             | (per kW)           | (per kW)           | <b>Facilities Charges</b> |
| Over 10 MW          | \$2.34             | \$5.45             | 133%                      |
| 6 to 10             | \$4.47             | \$5.45             | 22%                       |
| 3 to 6              | \$4.63             | \$5.45             | 18%                       |
| 1 to 3              | \$4.45             | \$5.45             | 22%                       |

- 288 (III. C. C. No. 4, 3<sup>d</sup> Revised Sheet No. 119-119.1; Proposed III. C. C. No. 4,
- Original Sheet No. 369).
- Q. How does BOMA propose to mitigate ComEd's proposed 133% delivery services
- increase for over 10 MW customers?
- 292 A. BOMA proposes that the Commission direct ComEd to continue to have a
- separate delivery services class for over 10 MW customers. Additionally, ComEd
- should maintain its current practice of providing a high voltage credit through
- Rider HVDS to customers who take service at 69,000 volts rather than establish a
- separate rate class for these consumers. (ComEd Ex. 9.0, pp. 38-39, 11.825-830).
- 297 Finally, ComEd should spread the effects of revenue lost as a result of this high
- voltage credit on an equal percentage basis to all nonresidential customer classes
- as ComEd does in its current delivery services tariffs.

#### RIDER 12 AND PROPOSED RIDER RESALE

- Q. Are you familiar with ComEd's currently effective Rider 12?
- 302 A. Yes. Under ComEd's Rider 12 the resale or redistribution ("resale") of electricity
- to third persons ("tenants") by retail customers is restricted to those retail
- customers ("resellers") that have resold electricity continuously since 1957. We
- understand that there are over 50 BOMA member buildings, with over 20,000,000
- square feet of rentable space, that are resellers subject to Rider 12.
- Q. Are you familiar with ComEd's proposed Rider Resale?
- 308 A. Yes. Rider Resale, which is intended to replace ComEd's current Rider 12,
- continues the resale restriction just discussed. Rider Resale also replaces Rider

| 310   |    | 12's complex formula regarding how much a reseller may charge for electricity  |
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| 311   |    | with the following:  |
| 312<br>313<br>314<br>315<br>316<br>317<br>318 |    | RESALE RESTRICTIONS.  A retail customer that resells electric power and energy to third persons must resell such electric power and energy at a rate that does not exceed the average cost per kilowatt-hour that such retail customer incurs for the electric power and energy it resells, including all taxes and other adders applicable to the electric power and energy provided to such retail customer. |
| 319   |    | (Proposed Ill. C.C. No. 4, Original Sheet No. 468).  |
| 320   | Q. | Do you have any concerns about the "resale restrictions" in ComEd's proposed   |
| 321   |    | Rider Resale?  |
| 322   | A. | Our first concern is that Rider Resale would prevent a reseller from recovering the  |
| 323   |    | full costs of reselling electricity to its tenants. Our second concern is that this  |
| 324   |    | rider would have the undesirable consequence of not allowing resellers to  |
| 325   |    | properly allocate electricity costs to tenants.  |
| 326   | Q. | Please explain why Rider Resale would prevent a reseller from recovering the full  |
| 327   |    | costs of reselling electricity to tenants.   |
| 328   | A. | Apart from commodity supply and delivery services charges, the language of   |
| 329   |    | Rider Resale would prevent the reseller from recovering any additional costs   |
| 330   |    | beyond taxes and "adders applicable to the electric power and energy provided to   |
| 331   |    | such retail customer." (Proposed Ill. C.C. No. 4, Original Sheet No. 468).   |
| 332   |    | BOMA's Data Request No. 1.08 to ComEd, attached to this testimony as BOMA  |
| 333   |    | Exhibit 1.4, asked ComEd to define the term "adders" as used in proposed Rider   |
| 334   |    | Resale. ComEd's response includes six examples of adders, and all but one of   |
| 335   |    | these adders are charges that an electric utility or competitive supplier would bill   |

to its own customer. That is consistent with how the term "adders" is commonly used in electricity billing. ComEd's response also states that such adders may include "[c]osts incurred by the retail customer to enable the retail customer to resell the electric power and energy to third persons." (BOMA Ex. 1.4, pg. 2). According to ComEd's data request response, "these costs may include but are not limited to the cost of reading electric meters and mailing electric service invoices to third persons." (BOMA Ex. 1.4, pg. 2). Based on ComEd's data request response, we understand that it is not ComEd's intent to prevent a reseller from recovering from tenants the full cost of reselling electricity to tenants, but Rider Resale's limitation of a reseller's cost recovery to "adders" is contrary to that intent. Therefore, the right of resellers to recover the full costs of reselling electricity must be made clear in the language of the tariff.

- Q. Please explain why Rider Resale would prevent a reseller from properly allocating electricity costs to tenants.
- A. Under ComEd's proposed Rider Resale, the rate charged to a tenant cannot exceed the "average cost per kilowatt hour" that the reseller itself incurs for electric service. (Proposed Ill. C.C. No. 4, Original Sheet No. 468). Because a reseller would not be able to charge more than the "average cost per kilowatt hour," the reseller would almost certainly charge all tenants this "average" in an attempt to ensure recovery of its electricity costs. This "averaging" of electricity costs could result in misallocating those costs among tenants. For example, assume one tenant of a reseller uses most of its electricity from 9AM to 5PM while another tenant operates a call facility "24 X 7" with a very consistent

|    | electric load over a 24-hour period. If the reseller is purchasing Peak and Off-     |
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|    | Peak electricity from ComEd or a competitive supplier, with Off-Peak electricity     |
|    | costing less per kWh, then the average cost per kWh of electricity purchased by      |
|    | the reseller for the "9 to 5" tenant could be significantly higher than the average  |
|    | cost for the "24 X 7" tenant. Yet ComEd's proposed language would require that       |
|    | the reseller charge both tenants no more than the "average cost per kilowatt hour."  |
|    | For this reason, the "average cost per kilowatt hour" restriction should be deleted. |
| Q. | How should such reseller cost recovery matters be addressed in ComEd's               |

Q. How should such reseller cost recovery matters be addressed in ComEd's proposed Rider Resale?A. The best way to address reseller cost recovery issues is also the simplest and most

The best way to address reseller cost recovery issues is also the simplest and most direct: Rider Resale should recognize that a reseller and its tenant will typically enter into a written lease that specifies how the reseller will charge the tenant for electricity. The pressure to attract and keep tenants in a competitive real estate market will deter resellers from imposing excessive electricity charges, and ComEd's Rider Resale should not be used to "second guess" lease terms freely agreed on by the reseller and the tenant.

If, however, the reseller and the tenant do not have a lease with terms that set forth how the tenant is to be charged for electricity, then Rider Resale can serve a useful purpose as a "default" electricity cost arrangement, provided that Rider Resale is revised as we have discussed.

Q. Do you recommend specific changes to ComEd's proposed Rider Resale?

380 A. Yes. In order to resolve the issues we have discussed, the "RESALE RESTRICTIONS" section of ComEd's proposed Rider Resale should be modified to read as follows:

A retail customer subject to this rider may enter into a written lease or 383 other written agreement with a third person which sets 6rth the terms 384 under which the retail customer will charge the third person for electricity. 385 In the absence of such a written lease or other written agreement, a A 386 retail customer that resells electric power and energy to third persons must 387 resell such electric power and energy at a rate that does not exceed the 388 average cost per kilowatt hour the total cost that such retail customer 389 incurs for the electric power and energy it resells. A retail customer's total 390 cost to sell electric power and energy includes commodity supply charges, 391 delivery services charges, including all taxes and franchise fees and costs, 392 all and-other costs and adders charged to the retail customer, and all other 393 costs incurred by the retail customer to enable the retail customer to resell 394 electric power and energy to third persons, including, but not limited to, 395 maintenance costs relating to the retail customer's internal electrical 396 distribution system, fees of meter service companies, and administrative 397 costs incurred in billing third persons for applicable to the resold electric 398 power and energy provided to such retail customer. 399

- 400 Q. Does this conclude your direct panel testimony?
- 401 A. Yes.